

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (New). A method for use in an information processing apparatus for receiving distributed contents and transmitting the contents to a reproduction apparatus, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request for the content including content specifying information to a content server;

receiving an encrypted content transmitted from the content server in response to the request for the content;

transmitting a request for a content key and a use condition to an administration center;

receiving the content key and the use condition transmitted from the administration center in response to the request for the content key and the use condition;

transmitting the encrypted content to the reproduction apparatus;

encrypting the content key and the use condition with a session key shared with the reproduction apparatus; and

transmitting the content key and the use condition encrypted with the session key to the reproduction apparatus.

Claim 39 (New). The method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of retrieving information related to contents exhibited by the content server, wherein the step of transmitting

the request for the content is performed in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 40 (New). The method according to claim 39, wherein the information related to contents includes one of sample data of the contents and metadata of the contents.

Claim 41 (New). The method according to claim 38, wherein a content ID is added to the content and the use condition includes the content ID corresponding to the content that the reproduction apparatus is authorized to use in accordance with the use condition.

Claim 42 (New). The method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of storing the encrypted content received from the content server, wherein the stored encrypted content is transmitted to the reproduction apparatus in the step of transmitting the encrypted content.

Claim 43 (New). The method according to claim 38, wherein the content key is encrypted so that an unauthorized apparatus is unable to decrypt, and further comprising the step of decrypting the encrypted content key.

Claim 44 (New). An information processing apparatus for receiving distributed contents and transmitting the contents to a reproduction apparatus, comprising:

a transceiver for transmitting a request for the content

including content specifying information to a content server, for receiving an encrypted content transmitted from the content server in response to the request for the content, for transmitting a request for a content key and a use condition to an administration center, for receiving the content key and the use condition transmitted from the administration center in response to the request for the content key and the use condition, and for transmitting the encrypted content to the reproduction apparatus; and

encrypting means for encrypting the content key and the use condition with a session key shared with the reproduction apparatus, wherein the content key and the use condition encrypted with the session key are transmitted by the transceiver to the reproduction apparatus.

Claim 45 (New). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the transceiver further retrieves information related to contents exhibited by the content server, and the transmission of the request for the content by the transceiver is performed in response to a user's instruction.

Claim 46 (New). The information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the information related to contents includes one of sample data of the contents and metadata of the contents.

Claim 47 (New). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein a content ID is added to the

content and the use condition includes the content ID corresponding to the content that the reproduction apparatus is authorized to use in accordance with the use condition.

Claim 48 (New). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the encrypted content received from the content server is stored and transmitted to the reproduction apparatus.

Claim 49 (New). The information processing apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the content key is encrypted so that an unauthorized apparatus is unable to decrypt.